

REMARKS

Claims 22-42 are pending, with claims 22, 27, and 32 being independent. Claims 1-21 are cancelled. Claims 22 and 27 have simply been amended to clarify antecedent basis. Claims 38-42 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the written description, claims, and drawings as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant thanks the Examiner for courtesy extended during the telephone interview of September 7, 2010. No exhibit was shown or demonstration conducted. Although no agreement was reached, the pending rejections, the prior art references mentioned below, and the subject matter of the new claims were generally discussed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 22-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0167345 ("Knight") in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0120395 ("Kacel"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 22 recites multiple vehicle processors each adapted to generate diagnostic information, and an interface processor adapted to transmit the diagnostic information received from the multiple vehicle processors to a portable memory device.

As discussed with the Examiner during the interview, neither Kacel nor Knight teaches or suggests an interface processor as recited in claim 22. Specifically, neither Kacel nor Knight teaches or suggests an interface processor that transmits the diagnostic information received from the multiple vehicle processors.

Kacel appears to disclose a vehicle including a telematics module that receives new software, such as from a call center, and programs modules of a vehicle using the new software. Kacel also appears to disclose that the telematics module can determine whether "all control modules... have been suitably programmed." Paragraph [0062]. However, Kacel does not disclose transmitting an indication that the modules have been suitably programmed, either back to the call center, or elsewhere. Therefore, Kacel does not teach or suggest an interface processor adapted to **transmit the diagnostic information received from the multiple vehicle processors** to a portable memory device, as claim 22 recites.

Although the Examiner did not rely on Knight for this limitation, Applicants respectfully note that Knight similarly does not teach or suggest such an interface processor. The USB adapter 200 of Knight (see FIG. 1B) does not receive diagnostic information from multiple vehicle processors, and therefore would be unable to transmit such diagnostic information, as claim 22 requires.

Claim 22 has limitations not taught by either reference. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that a prima facie case of obviousness is not present, and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection.

Independent claims 27 and 32 are allowable for at least similar reasons as claim 22. The dependent claims 23-26, 28-31, and 33-42 ultimately depend from one of independent claims 22, 27, and 32 and are therefore allowable for at least similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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